



**TOWN OF LOOMIS  
ACTION MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
LOOMIS TOWN COUNCIL  
LOOMIS DEPOT  
5775 HORSESHOE BAR ROAD  
LOOMIS, CA 95650**

**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 16, 2010**

**9:00 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Call to order by Mayor Liss at 9:03 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Mayor Liss  
Councilmember Kelley  
Councilmember Morillas  
Councilmember Scherer arrived at 9:07 a.m.  
Councilmember Ucovich

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** This time is reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Town Council on subjects that are not on the Agenda. The audience should be aware that the Council may not discuss

details or vote on non-agenda items. Your concerns may be referred to staff or placed on the next available agenda. Please **note that comments from the public will also be taken on any item on the agenda. The time allotted to each speaker is five minutes.** No public comment.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to adopt the Agenda. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded By Councilmember Kelley and passed by voice vote.

**OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:** All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Council to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless an audience member or Councilmember requests otherwise, in which case, the item will be removed for separate consideration.

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Agenda. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Kelley and passed by voice vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Appointment To The Park, Recreation and Open Space Committee

*APPROVE*

**CONSENT ITEMS FORWARDED**

Councilmember Scherer arrived at 9:07 a.m.

**BUSINESS**

2. **Loomis Town Center Implementation Plan**

*90 Minutes*

I. Presentation of Proposed Town Center Design Concepts

- Overall Framework
- Key Areas
  - Town-owned Properties
  - Taylor Road
  - Horseshoe Bar Road

## II. Preliminary Estimate of Town Center Probable Costs

20 Minutes

- Blue Goose Area Property
- Railroad Depot Park Area Properties
- Taylor Road
- Horseshoe Bar Road

**Recommended action:** Direct staff and consultant to return with a downtown implementation plan based on the concepts reviewed today, for further consideration by the Planning Commission and Town Council.

### **Public comment:**

Dan Isofano, Landscape Architect and Community Designer, gave the presentation and answered questions.

Gordon Harris, 7835 Horseshoe Bar Road, stated the following:

- you will be bringing young children and dogs to a park by the railroad track
- there should be some kind of containment for frisbies, balls, etc.

Nancy Beck, 6304 David Avenue, stated the following:

- this has been long overdo, with this plan we are capturing what the people of Loomis want
- she asked skaters what they thought about a skate park and they were very excited and she likes the expansion of the skate park

Forest Rinaldi, 2509 Catalina Drive in Sacramento, stated the following:

- he showed a drawing of 218 feet by 95 feet on his laptop for a skate park
- he made it more multi-use
- he has a lowered shade structure, pathways and trees so people can walk through and enjoy the park and still be a skate park

Hilary Wallis, 5600 Tudor Way, stated the following:

- suggested taking the concrete stairs, planters and corner of benches out
- the skaters don't just want a lot of concrete
- suggested making it flow with the rest of the play area

Jean Wilson, 4301 Barton Road, stated the following:

- suggested a tot lot activity area with benches along the side so parents can supervise
- Rocklin's covered area with tables gets a lot of use
- she likes the green lawn space because it gives us time to figure out what we want to use if for
- she likes the idea of consulting with the kids
- having a multi-use lawn area is a good idea

Mike Boberg, 4052 Hunter Oaks Lane, stated the following:

- agreed that a tot lot was needed for ages 2-5 years old
- he supports the idea of one-way street along the park
- suggested eliminating the public parking on the park side
- there should only be handicap parking, delivery and service vehicle parking on the business side of a one way street
- asked if the multi-use skate park would also include inline skating, long boards, etc

Pat Miller, Gold Trail Way, stated the following:

- all the ideas have been positive
- she questioned the multi-use and if it will accommodate other skate uses

Dot Shiro, 9655 Cherokee Lane, endorsed the Blue Anchor Park.

Scott Paris, High Hand Nursery, stated the following:

- his concern is that his building is 40,000 square feet and in order to support it he will need a bit of space and would not like to see his business restricted
- he has 68 employees that park everyday and on January 30<sup>th</sup> he is expecting 400 cars coming to a class
- the end of August they will be having a tomato festival sponsored by Placer Grown and expect about 5000
- they will be celebrating 110 years of High Hand
- he supports a large pedestrian pathway where a carriage/hayride could go down behind his business next to the railroad track
- there is no intimacy in a road
- he will work with the Town, his goals are to bring agriculture to downtown but he needs space to do that

Polly Emert, 3403 Reyman Lane, stated the following:

- they have been flexing a lot for Mr. Paris
- the businesses at the other end need help too
- Christiansen's and Nelthorpe's don't have enough parking
- we need to look at the whole Town and not just High Hand

Recess at 11:14 a.m. to 11:28 a.m.

Councilmember Scherer stated the following:

- he has mixed feelings about everything suggested for the park, if we try to put too many things then nothing will be large enough to use
- we need to make sure we have enough room for the concepts
- if we want people in the summer than we need shade
- it's important to have a meeting with the youth for the skateboard park
- we could ask the JACL (Japanese American Citizens League) if they would be interested in designing a low maintenance Japanese garden
- suggested having a special meeting with the Board of Directors of the Heritage Foundation and notify the members to attend regarding the Blue Goose area
- it is important that we put a plan in place for the entire downtown area

Randy Elder, Heritage Foundation, stated that they would like a meeting with the Council regarding the Blue Goose property.

Councilmember Morillas suggested the following:

- the road behind Wild Chicken should be one way going towards High Hand Nursery
- there needs to be parking against the buildings for the businesses only
- suggested no parking around the park area

Councilmember Kelley stated the following:

- Scott Paris has established High Hand Nursery as a place that is doing well and the commercial property across the street has become more valuable
- suggested looking more to the West to provide additional parking (past the lumberyard)
- he suggested putting a monument somewhere to recognize the Japanese, those that were taken from their homes and relocated and those that were in the war

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following:

- he agrees with Councilmember's Morillas and Kelley, having the parking away from the park area
- he likes having a lighted straight path for the promenade
- he agrees that they need to work with Scott Paris behind High Hand Nursery
- suggested having room to allow for artwork or a kiosk

Mayor Liss stated the following:

- he would like to incorporate a dog park somewhere, maybe behind the lumber yard with dog friendly drinking fountains
- he would like to include a screen for outdoor films that we can project
- we could have Japanese gardens showing our strong Japanese heritage (hi-lighting the various nurseries in Town)
- he agrees with having a sidewalk close to the road
- he likes the idea of a 10 foot wide road behind High hand for carriage rides, pedestrians, and bikes to help connect the shed to shed
- we should meet with landlords to discuss shared parking needs

Direction has been given.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Liss stated there was no further business and adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Town Clerk

